

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 10-12, 15, 16, and 18-26 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims serve to further clarify and distinguish the presently claimed invention. It is believed that no new matter has been inserted into the application. Accordingly, entry of the amendments to the application is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 24-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants traverse this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's criticism, claims 15 and 18 have been amended to indicate that the device recited in claims 15 and 18 comprises "a storage area for collecting liquid and/or a storage area for collecting solid sample." Applicants submit that the claims are now rendered more clear. Accordingly, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-12 and 22-23 are allowed.

Conclusion

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to issue a notice of Allowance in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to further the prosecution of the present invention.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge JHK Law's Deposit Account No. **502486**
for any fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 and to credit any overpayment to said
Deposit Account No. **502486**.

Respectfully submitted,

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